









## Notice to Subscribers.

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## A Day of Picnics.

On Thursday of last week there was one of the greatest crowds at Mexico Point that ever gathered there—perhaps the greatest. It was a day of Sunday-school picnics. The Baptist school of this village, the schools of South Mexico, Vermilion, Mullen Hill, Denton's Corners, and one from Holmesville, were all there, with crowds of their friends. And as if these were not enough, "Old Man Barker's" Great Traveling Menagerie traveled all the way there from this village, and made nine dollars gross, to be shared among the whole company. As this is a "combination troupe," and therefore considered of doubtful ethics, we have made no attempt to learn who of the Sunday-school folks patronized it, because we wish to preserve the good reputation of them all. A revolving swing was also on the ground, and we think none of the pleasure-seekers could be blamed much for consoling themselves in these ways for the unpleasantness of the rainy afternoon, if consolation could be found in them. But we are afraid it couldn't, and think the showmen and swing-men, whose hopes of money-making were thus wet down, especially deserving of sympathy. Mr. Borland, having lost several of his snakes, was not present with his menagerie.

## Meteorology.

The mean temperature of the month of July, 1873, was 69.5°. Coldest July since 1854, was in 1860, 62.0°; warmest in 1868, 79.1°.

The average temperature at 7 a. m., was 65.1°; at 2 p. m., 76.2°; and at 9 p. m., 65.4°.

Coldest day was that of the 6th, 57.3°; warmest day 25th, 77.0°.

Warmest day in July during the past 20 years was in 1868, 86.3°.

The mercury reached 80° or above that point on 14 different days during the month.

The amount of rain that fell was 6.1 inches; this is the greatest amount of rain that has fallen in July during the same number of years. The least amount fell in 1864, 1.1 inch.

Looking at things as they now appear we have not had so unfavorable a season for crops generally as the present, during the memory of the present generation.

The season of harvest is a time looked forward to with anticipations of joy and gladness to the husbandman. It is the season when he expects the reward of his toil and labor. He has plowed and sown his seed, and waited for the "early and the latter rain," and though his full expectations may not be realized he has no cause to murmur or complain so long as his daily wants are supplied, and man deals justly with him. The bounties of nature are gifts and not demands, so that if we do not the present season reap the full measure of our wishes we will try to be content, and look forward to the future with anticipations of better returns in more propitious seasons.

E. B. BARLETT.  
Palermo, Aug., 1873.

## Services at the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. James P. Stratton will resume his pastoral labors on Sunday, Aug. 31. And Rev. James Hoadley, of New York, is expected to occupy the pulpit on Sunday morning next, the 24th inst. Sabbath School at close of service.

## The Festival.

Held at the Prattville church, on the evening of the 13th inst., in aid of the Society, was quite successful notwithstanding the rain. It was thought best to repeat it on Thursday evening, but the weather proved still more unpropitious, so that but few could be present the second time. Net proceeds of the Festival, \$57.29.

The Solistic Committee desire to thank the public for their generous contributions of eggs and money. Upwards of \$20 worth of eggs were sold after using all that were needed. But few outside of the Society came on either occasion. Well done, the circumstances.

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NORTH MEXICO SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—We had the pleasure of visiting this school on Sunday last. It numbers about forty pupils, all of whom, as well as the teachers, appeared to take much interest in the lessons. The singing (led by Mr. W. Ball) was very creditable, and it is an exercise in which nearly the entire school take part. Mr. O. Purinton (the superintendent), is very zealous in his good work, and he has the sympathy and co-operation of both teachers and scholars. At the head of one of the classes we noticed a neat banner, on one side of which was the motto, "Cheerful Givers," and on the other side, "Feed my Lambs." There was also another banner in one corner of the room, having on it, "Band of Hope," in large and beautiful letters. On either side of the pulpit was a fine lot of flowers, arranged with much taste, and which looked very beautiful. Our North Mexico friends have a good school, and it is evident that they know how, and have the disposition, to make it attractive and instructive.

At the close of the lesson, Mr. B. Weed, of Cincinnati, gave a very interesting address on "Happiness and Soul Culture."

We regret to chronicle the fact that people are beginning to complain of a good deal of noise in the streets at night. We are sorry to have the reputation of our village for quiet and good order spoiled in this way; sorry that the tired and sick should be disturbed by a manner so injurious and disgraceful to the actors. Whether the disturbance results from the exuberance of unrestrained youthful spirits, or the use of other spirits, we hope it will speedily cease, and that if it does not our village authorities will be prompt to take the matter in hand.

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## PARISH.

We learn that the Sabbath School picnic held last Wednesday, in the Laing District, was a very pleasant affair. The inclemency of the weather prevented many from attending. This school is progressing very rapidly under the supervision of its Superintendent, Rev. A. P. Phinney. This is a very pleasant district, and much attention is paid to the moral culture of the children, not only in the Sabbath School, but in the Common School. They are very particular who their teachers are. Their Common School teachers must be of unblemished character, and industrious in their vocation.

The officers of the Good Templars' Lodge for this quarter are: Eleazar Rulison, W. C. T.; Miss Frankie Davis, W. V. T.; Walter Spicer, W. S.; J. S. Codner, W. F. S.; Mrs. R. W. Slayton, W. T.; Luman Rulison, W. M.; Rev. A. P. Phinney, W. C.; Mrs. R. Richardson, W. I. G.; Mr. R. Richardson, W. O. G.; R. W. Slayton, P. W. C. T.; J. S. Codner, Lodge Deputy.

This lodge is in a healthy condition, with a full membership, out of debt, with some funds ahead. They have a good melody. We have had to live through many discouragements. At times it seemed as if we must disband, but we had too much vitality to die. We had too much principle and pluck, likewise, to be frowned down, so we have kept along as a sort of a moral beacon, to show to the world that there is moral principle in the place. Unlike many of our lodges, we have not the popular religious element of the place in sympathy with us. There are some good Christians who sympathize with us, but they are not the popular ones. One of our clergymen, Rev. A. P. Phinney, is with us, body and soul. The Good Templars are circulating temperance literature among the people. The dealers of rum are not forgotten in the distribution. The peace officers are also informed of their duties. Our landlords, we learn, are very particular to whom they sell liquor. The druggists are often imposed upon by third parties, and this is a fruitful source of intemperance.

There are no licensed saloons in this place. As our last town meeting the licensing of saloons was a side issue. Mr. Foley, the Democratic candidate for Supervisor, was pledged not to license saloons, and he was elected. C. Tidale, Esq., the Republican candidate for justice of the peace was also elected, and he was elected. There is a growing hatred here to the liquor traffic. A son of one of our first citizens was overtaken by the vile monster alcohol, not long since, in short, on a spree, and as a consequence he has been prostrated most of the time since by sickness. We know of him and his companions coming to the Carley House and asking for liquor, but Captain Marsh positively refused to grant the request, and not only refused but positively conducted them to the outside of the house. It is no new thing for the Captain to refuse men who ask for liquor, and he has watched men whom he has refused, and know them to have their flocks filled elsewhere, and come to his house to drink, but he would not allow them that peculiar privilege.

Parish, Aug. 15, 1873.

ODD.

SCRIBNER'S—for September has a proportion of light and sunny, and solid and substantial fare. Bret Hart's new story, "An Episode of Fiddletown," is continued, with his usual strength; there is a story about "Baum, the Cornet player," a delightful illustrated paper on "The Birds of the Poets," by John Burroughs; a curious "Study" of Japanese Fans, by Noah Brooks; "Whiteland's Commencement Address on 'The Scholar in Politics,'" the second of Blauvelt's important papers on "Modern Skepticism," a reply to the recent article on "The Liberty of Protestantism," a portrait and biography of Edward Eggleston, author of "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," and the usual quantity of poetry.

Dr. Holland, the editor, gives us another installment of "Arthur Bonnicciac" and the following "Topics of the Time": The Outlook, The New York Board of Education, Ownership in Women, and the Liberty of Protestantism. The old Cabinet talks about the People who get under other People's Umbrellas, etc. "Home and Society," "Culture and Progress," "Nature and Science," and Etchings are as usual diversified and interesting.

Scribner's Monthly has increased ten thousand in circulation during the past year.

THE SCIENCE OF HEALTH.—For September is an unusually good number, with fact and information which, if acted on, would render it worth more to every reader than a year's subscription, containing "Obedience and Health;" "How Long May We Live;" "Practical Temperance;" "Experience in Water-Cure;" "Pre-Natal Influences;" "Disease and Diet;" "The Nature of Civilization;" "Doctors and Male Liquors." In Seasonable Dishes, under the head of the "Household Department," we have instructions for the Preparation and Use of Tomatoes in various ways; Peaches, Pears, Plums, Melons, etc.; how to Remove Fruit Stains; Canning Corn; Description of a Distilling Stove; and an unusual amount of information in Talks with Correspondents. This magazine is published at the low and popular price of two dollars a year, or offered for six months on trial, for one dollar. Address S. R. Wells, publisher, 389 Broadway, New York.

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## Jury Drawing.

The following are the names of the Grand and Petit Jurors, for the next Circuit Court and Court of Oyer and Terminer, to be held at the Court house in the city of Oswego, commencing on Monday, the 1st day of September:

GRAND JURORS.  
Amos H. Baldwin, Reuben Bradshaw, Daniel Van Buren, Martin B. Schenck, Volney; Sands D. Gardner, Samuel Crandall, Hannibal; William T. Barnes, John M. Barrow, Michael Hennessey, Laughing Moore, Mark Caulfield, Daniel Carson, Edward R. Weed, John Garland, Christopher Cusick, Oswego city; Daniel Stafford, Wm. S. Rugg, Edson J. Vickery, Schreppeil; Millet R. Worden, Phillip Miller, Wm. E. Stevens, Oswego town; Alvin Smith, Granby; Thos. Askew, Scriba; Henry F. Parsons, Palermo.

PETIT JURORS.  
Morgan M. Carter, Morris Gilbert, Albert Peacock, Mucan A. Eno, Schreppeil; William Cartwright, John M. Postwick, George Wilmot, L. W. Tanner, Lawrence McCavlin, John H. Benzing, John Quackenbush, Oswego city; Thos. J. Wilson, Amos Brownell, Palermo; Miles W. Tice, Chas. Groat, Loren Warden, Oswego town; Chester Cooper, James F. Cooper, Levi Brackett, Cyrus Havens, Hannibal; Joseph Otis, James McAllister, Adam Farr, Thos. Sweet, Clinton S. Bartlett, Washington Mack, Scriba; W. D. Edgerton, Isaac Hamilton, Granby; Wallace M. Halladay, John Schremerhorn, Avery M. Barker, Thos. Miller, New Haven; Oscar F. Owen, Alonzo M. Taplin, Joseph W. Butler, Wm. Blakeman, Volney.

Real Estate Sales.  
Lydia A. Allen and Benjamin P. Allen, administrators, etc., of John T. Allen, deceased, convey to J. B. Easton, 16 acres in Hastings; Consideration \$608. Deed dated February, 1872.

Martha A. Peck to Peter Woodson and Ralph Edwards, an undivided one-seventh of 6 1/2 acres in Hastings, \$171; July, 1868.

Peter Woodson to Lydia A. Allen, two lots in Hastings, \$700. May, 1873.

Elmira Vimrey to Silas C. Church, 50 rods in Hastings, \$300. July, 1873.

John Burdett Easton to Allen Holcomb, 40 acres in Hastings, \$1,900. July, 1873.

William Kelsey to Henry P. Kelsey, 87 acres in New Haven, \$2,000. October, 1871.

Myron Pardee to Mary H. Field, 53 26-100 acres in Richland, \$10,000. August, 1873.

John Turner to Oramel Law, 4 acres in New Haven, \$100. May, 1766.

William C. Pierpont to Charles Cable, 153 50-100 acres in Orwell \$503.64. January, 1865.

LANDS IN THE WEST.—We have received a fine map of the Kansas, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. The company own 3,000,000 acres of fine land in and near the Upper Arkansas Valley, the finest portion of Kansas, which is being offered for sale at low prices, on eleven years' time. Parties going West will do well to communicate with A. E. Touzalin, Land Commissioner, Topeka, Kansas, whom we know from personal dealing with him, to be gentlemanly and reliable.

FIRE IN HASTINGS.—On Wednesday morning of last week, between two and three o'clock, the barn and sheds of Mr. B. R. Church, of Hastings Center, were destroyed, with their contents, by lightning. Among the articles burned were a mowing machine, sawing machine, cutter, and several tons of hay. Loss \$1,500; insurance \$500.

A Harvest Dance will be held at the Union Hotel, Colosse, Friday eve, Aug. 22, 1873. Good music in attendance. L. D. SNEEL, Pro.

Go and see Ballard's Refrigerator, made for the express benefit of his customers. There you will always find the very best of Butte.

TO THE PUBLIC.—The undersigned would inform the citizens of Mexico and vicinity that he is prepared to do all kinds of custom work at reasonable rates, and it will be his endeavor to give satisfaction to all who employ him.

ROBERT J. GAMBEL.  
Mexico, Aug. 19, 1873.

WANTED.—By the undersigned, 10,000 lbs. of fowls, chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks, for which the highest market price will be paid on delivery.

C. W. BROCKETT.  
Mexico, Aug. 20, 1873.

MIDLAND EXTENSION.—The New York Tribune says: The Midland Railroad Company has filed, at Trenton, the specification of a part of the extension of its track to the Delaware River at Belvidere and thence across the Delaware, as also the links connecting the road with the Belvidere and Delaware railroad. A continuous line to Philadelphia will be formed.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The annual Teachers' Institute for 1873, will be held in Mexico, commencing September 22d and lasting two weeks. Prof. E. V. De Graff, who had charge of the county institute last year, has been engaged for instructor, and Mrs. Nellie Lloyd Knapp, who like Prof. De Graff, is a Normal teacher, will be assistant.

THE Oswego Palladium says: Mr. M. Pardee has sold the Richland tract to Mr. W. R. Field, of Fordham, N. Y., and with the proceeds, a little more being added, has bought an elegant \$35,000 residence at Fordham Heights. Mr. Pardee will probably put this into market for sale, or else will occupy it as a winter residence. We learn that Mr. Field designs making some improvements at the ponds, calculated to make them become one of the most popular resorts in the country. The ponds are fully stocked, Mr. Pardee having maintained them rather as a private pleasure than a source of profit.

DOWN, DOWNS, DOWN.  
Down to a remarkably low price. L. G. Ballard is selling the Gen. Jar at 15c; the half gallon at 20c.

NEW ARRIVAL OF TEAS, splendid quality. Go and see at.

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## Festival at Colosse.

A Festival will be held at the Colosse Baptist church, next Friday evening, Aug. 22d, to aid in repairing the church. Blackberries, Ice Cream, an old-fashioned New England Supper, Candies, etc., will be furnished in abundance. All are invited to attend.

IN BEHALF OF COMMITTEE.  
[We believe this is the oldest church building in town, in whose preservation the fathers, and for their sake the children, are, or ought to be, interested. But the object is a worthy one aside from this, and we hope that there will be a large attendance.—Ed.]

Obituary.  
Died, in Hastings, N. Y., July 21, 1872, Charles Burt, father of Mrs. D. C. Morse, of this village.

Brother Burt was born September 12, 1800, in the town of Winfield, Herkimer county, N. Y. In the year 1828 he was married to Clarissa Wilson, of Oneida county. The next year they moved to Hastings and began to help out for themselves a home in the wilderness. With courage and perseverance they grappled with the difficulties and discouragements of their earlier days. In the year 1832 he engaged in the service of Christ and united with the Free Baptists. He was chosen clerk of the church, which he served forty years. Among the letters to the Q. M. was always found one bearing his signature, and speaking of hope and advancement in the Christian journey. We shall meet him no more in our quarterly gatherings, but we hope in that day when the righteous shall be gathered we will find him with that exceeding great company that no man can number, who bow at Jesus' feet, giving him the glory of bringing them safely through the conflicts of life to enjoy the rest that remained for the people of God. The last day of his life he attended and assisted in the Sunday-school; at its close he started for home, but ere he reached the house the Master called him. Without a word or a groan he passed into eternity. He leaves a wife and five children and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.—Communicated.

REDUCTIONS.  
To close out our Summer Stock, we offer the following reasonable and desirable goods, at

REDUCED PRICES.—Prices at which no competitor can meet.

Summer Silks, Trimmed, Ladies' Hats, Untrimmed, Ribbons and Flowers, Collars and Handkerchiefs, Lace and Trimmings, Parasols, Gloves, Lace Points and Jackets, English Baggies, Summer Shawls, Victoria Luvies, Handkerchiefs, French Cambrics, Fans and Perfumery, MARSAILLES QUILTS, &c., &c., &c.

Sprague Calico Remnants, slightly damaged, in short length, at 6 1/2 cents per yard.

Mourning Dress, New England style, from piece, at ten cents per yard.

Small figure, light do., for children's wear, out from piece, ten cents per yard.

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COME AND SEE THEM.

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Cor. of Pond and Lot Streets.  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

ICE CREAM ON THURSDAYS.—In accordance with their custom during last summer, the ladies of the Universalist society will serve ice-cream, either by the plate or quantity, at the basement of the Universalist church, between the hours of 4 and 9 o'clock p. m., every Thursday.

ROOMS TO LET.—C. C. Lester has pleasant rooms to let at his new residence a little west of the Academy. A good opportunity for students and others.

SEWING MACHINE FOR SALE.—The undersigned offers for sale an Improved American Sewing Machine, as good as new. It cost \$65, but will be sold for \$45.

MRS. CAROLINA WHITNEY.  
Mexico, July 30, 1873.

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H. L. DAVIS, Treasurer,  
34 1/2 L. E. GOULDING, Secretary.

AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.—The annual Fair of the Sandy Creek, Richland, Orwell and Boylston Agricultural Society, will be held at Sandy Creek, September 11 and 12.

The Fair of County Agricultural Society will be held at Mexico, September 16, 17 and 18.

The Oswego Falls Fair will be held at Oswego Falls, September 23, 24, 25 and 26.

The Oswego Town Fair occurs Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2.

The Fair of the Phoenix Union Agricultural Society will take place Sept. 18, 19 and 20.

The Fair of the Northwestern Onondaga Industrial Association will be held at Baldwinsville, Sept. 16, 17 and 18.

Mr. C. R. Skinner, of the Watertown Times, has our thanks for the courteous invitation extended to us to participate in Knights Templar excursion from Watertown to the Thousand Islands, on the 26th, and which we regret to be obliged to decline. The cartes, printed at the "Times" office, are of rare beauty, and rank among the finest specimens of printing we have ever seen.

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